REGIONAL FUGITIVE TASK FORCES

CATCH OF THE WEEK

Week of November 29th, 2004

Taking the Worst of the Worst Off the Streets

Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 28, 2004, Kevin Maurice Tinsley allegedly stabbed to death a woman outside of the apartment in which they resided with their four children. Before she died, the victim told her daughter that Tinsley was the assailant. Later that evening, Tinsley was involved in a foot pursuit with Virginia authorities, but was able to flee. On November 29, 2004, the Greenbelt, Maryland, Police Department requested the assistance of the Capital Area Regional Fugitive Task Force (CARFTF) in locating Tinsley. Information was developed that Tinsley was heading to the southern part of the United States. With assistance of the U.S. Marshals Technical Operations Group (TOG), investigators tracked Tinsley through North Carolina, Alabama, Florida, and ultimately to Texas. With coordination among the CARFTF, TOG, U.S. Marshals Southern District of Texas, Houston Office; and the Houston Police Department, Tinsley was located and arrested in a homeless shelter in Houston on December 3, 2004.



Kevin Tinsley
Wanted for Murder

Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force

Francisco Jose Lopez was arrested in San Jose, California on December 3, 2004, by deputy U.S. marshals from the Northern District of California, based on information provided by the Pacific Southwest Regional Fugitive Task Force (PSWRFTF). Lopez, a member of the "F-Troop" street gang in Santa Ana was wanted by the Santa Ana Police Department for murder in connection with the August 2004 slaying of a rival gang member. Lopez and four other suspects allegedly observed rival gang members in a vehicle in their neighborhood. Lopez fired into the vehicle with a handgun, killing one of the occupants. The Santa Ana Police Department arrested all of the other suspects, but Lopez was able to avoid apprehension. On the morning of December 3, 2004, PSWRFTF and Santa Ana Police investigators developed information that Lopez was hiding out with relatives in San Jose. PSWRFTF investigators contacted their colleagues with the USMS Northern District of California Task Force who responded immediately. Within six hours, the Task Force arrested Lopez, who unsuccessfully attempted to flee by running out the back of the residence.

F-Troop Street Gang Member



Francisco Jose Lopez
Wanted for Murder

Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force

On November 30, 2004, investigators from the Southeast Regional Fugitive Task Force (SERFTF) arrested Raymon Anthony Higgs at an apartment complex in Decatur, Georiga. Higgs was wanted in South Carolina for conspiracy to possess with the intent to distribute cocaine and was facing a minimum mandatory ten year sentence. Higgs, who had been on bond on similar state charges, absconded from South Carolina when federal indictments were issued. South Carolina deputy U.S. marshals discovered that Higgs had obtained a Georgia driver's license in July and had apparently moved to the Atlanta area, potentially to be with his girlfriend, a state probation officer working out of Dekalb County, SERFTF investigators established surveillance on girlfriend's residence on numerous occasions, with negative results. On the morning of November 30, 2004, however, investigators developed information that Higgs was at the apartment complex and responded to the scene. Higgs was seen exiting the residential unit and getting into a car. The vehicle was immediately stopped and Higgs was taken into custody without incident. Higgs has extensive criminal history including numerous arrests for narcotics, burglary, aggravated assault on a police officer, as well as, fleeing and eluding in a vehicle.



Raymon Anthony Higgs

Wanted for Conspiracy to Possess with Intent to Distribute Cocaine

Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force

Randy Miller was wanted for the brutal murder of his brother in Vincennes, Indiana, on November 29th, 2004. Miller slit the throat of his brother and was reported to have stated that he was going to Illinois to kill his ex-girlfriend and abduct their child, whom she had custody of. In a coordinated effort among the Great Lakes Regional Fugitive Task Force (GLRFTF), Illinois State Police, Vincennes, Indiana Police Department; and U.S. Marshals offices in the Southern District of Indiana, and District of New Mexico; and local authorities in Gallup, New Mexico; investigators were able to follow leads across several states and finally to a motel in Gallop, New Mexico where Miller was arrested.



Randy Miller

Wanted for Murder

New York/New Jersey Regional Fugitive Task Force

On December 3, 2004, NY/NJ Regional Fugitive Task Force members arrested Thang Quoc Nguyen, a fugitive since 1997, wanted in Seattle, Washington for assault in the first degree. On October 13, 1997, Nguyen, who is a member of the "Bad Side Posse" street gang, got into a fight in a night club in Seattle, Washington and allegedly shot the victim once in the face, knocking out several teeth. Nguyen is also the primary suspect in a homicide that took place Seattle on December 12, 1997, in which Nguyen allegedly shot a victim in the head following a fight and vehicle chase with rival gang members.

Bad Side Posse Street Gang Member



Thang Quoc Nguyen

Wanted for Assault